

What is claimed is:

1. An outboard motor comprising:

an engine;

5 a propeller to be driven by the engine;

a drive shaft for transmitting a driving force from the engine to the propeller;

casing means for supporting the engine and rotatably housing the drive shaft; and

10 a cover forming at least a part of an engine space housing the engine, the cover comprising:

a resin cover body; and

a resin frame assembly integrally fixed to inside surfaces of the cover body.

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2. An outboard motor as defined in claim 1, wherein the cover body has holding portions on the inside surfaces for fixing the frame assembly thereto.

3. An outboard motor as defined in claim 2, wherein the cover body comprises a lower cover and an upper cover demountably mounted on the lower cover, the lower cover having flanges serving both as seals for the upper cover and as fixing portions for the frame assembly.

4. An outboard motor as defined in claim 1, wherein frame members constituting parts of the frame assembly function as a flange at a bottom periphery of the engine space.

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5. An outboard motor as defined in claim 1, wherein frame members constituting parts of the frame assembly contact or engage a peripheral portion of a mounting case substantially constituting a bottom of the engine space, thereby constituting the bottom of the engine space and defining the engine space within the cover body.

6. An outboard motor as defined in claim 1, wherein the frame assembly provided on the inside of the cover body comprises lateral frame members provided in upper and lower positions and extending in a rearward-and-forward direction, and a plurality of vertical frame members connecting the upper and lower lateral frame members.

7. An outboard motor as defined in claim 1, wherein the cover has a cover body forming the engine space housing the engine, and drain passages extending from the inside of the cover body to the outside of the cover body;

the drain passages having inlets facing the engine space and outlets facing the outside of the engine space;

the inlets and outlets being provided in positions distanced vertically and also distanced laterally of the outboard motor.

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8. An outboard motor as set forth in claim 7, wherein the cover is a resin cover body and has hollow frame members integrally fixed to the inside of the cover body after the cover body is molded; and

the drain passages are partly formed in hollow portions of the frame members.

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9. An outboard motor as defined in claim 7, wherein the cover body is an

undercover provided below an engine cover, defining at least a part of the engine space.